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SPECIAL WAR NOTES

AFTER THE CLOUDS OF WAR HAVE SETTLED

THE BRAVE AND LOYAL HEARTS

Who Have won the Admiration and Praise of the civilized World—A History of the Tenth now Published.

NOTE:—The series of articles furnished under the head; "Special War Notes," of which the following is the sixth were written especially for The Freeman, and will contain brief sketches of the black heroes who took such a conspicuous part in the campaign of 1898.

Just after the Spanish-American war, the Tenth United States Cavalry, one of the most popular and distinguished in the American Army, a splendid regiment of gallant, interpid black men, on returning home from Cuba, found that the heroic dash of the regiment up San Juan hill, into a veritable hailstorm of burning shot and bursting shell in defense of the proud American flag, had won for every man who took part in the conflict a halo of unfading glory.

It is clearly evident that the Negro had a three-fold battle to fight. He must vindicate the Negro soldiery of the Republic, repudiate the claim of cowardice made by those who are unfriendly to him, and to demonstrate his patriotism as an American citizen.

Deep down in their brave loyal hearts most of the men composing the Ninth and Tenth Cavalries and the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Infantries, felt the burden of the entire race resting upon their shoulders, and, in their conscientious effort to bring honor to the race they were oblivious to the many dangers surrounding them on every hand—they forgot the deadly fevers of the Island, the living on raw bacon and hard tack, the sleeping in the open fields with the rain pouring down upon them, the fording of streams, the marching over dead and wounded, the horrible scenes of devastation and crime, witnessed in the faces of the half starved, half naked Cubans—conscious only of the grave responsibilities with which they were entrusted by an ill-treated people, they struck the one fatal, deadly invincible blow which at once swept away the gloom and mist of color prejudice in their native land and called forth the spontaneous exultant acclaim, born only of genune appreciation for true merit and real worth, from the hearts of all patriotic Americans.

When that giant color-bearer, Sergeant George Berry, of the Tenth U. S. Cavalry, who after serving thirty years in the army, and participating in some of the most famous Indian campaigns in which the service had to engage some years ago, went up San Juan Hill ahead of his regiment, bearing its colors in one hand and the colors of the Third in the other, standing boldly erect, a living target for Spanish bullets, and shouting at the top of his voice to the men to dress up to the colors,—when he performed this gallant deed he won the admiration of the civilized world. Speaking of Sergeant Berry, a pretty incident occurred in Philadelphia during the Peace Jubilee one of the grandest civic demonstrations ever witnessed in this country, the Sergeant opened the carriage door for the wife of his Captain, Mrs. Chas. G. Ayers as she was on her way to the station and as she said good-bye to him, she took from her jacket the handsome medal with which she had been presented as a souvenir of the Jubilee. She pinned it on the coat of the black hero saying as she did so:

"This is my decoration for the bravest man in the Tenth Cavalry."

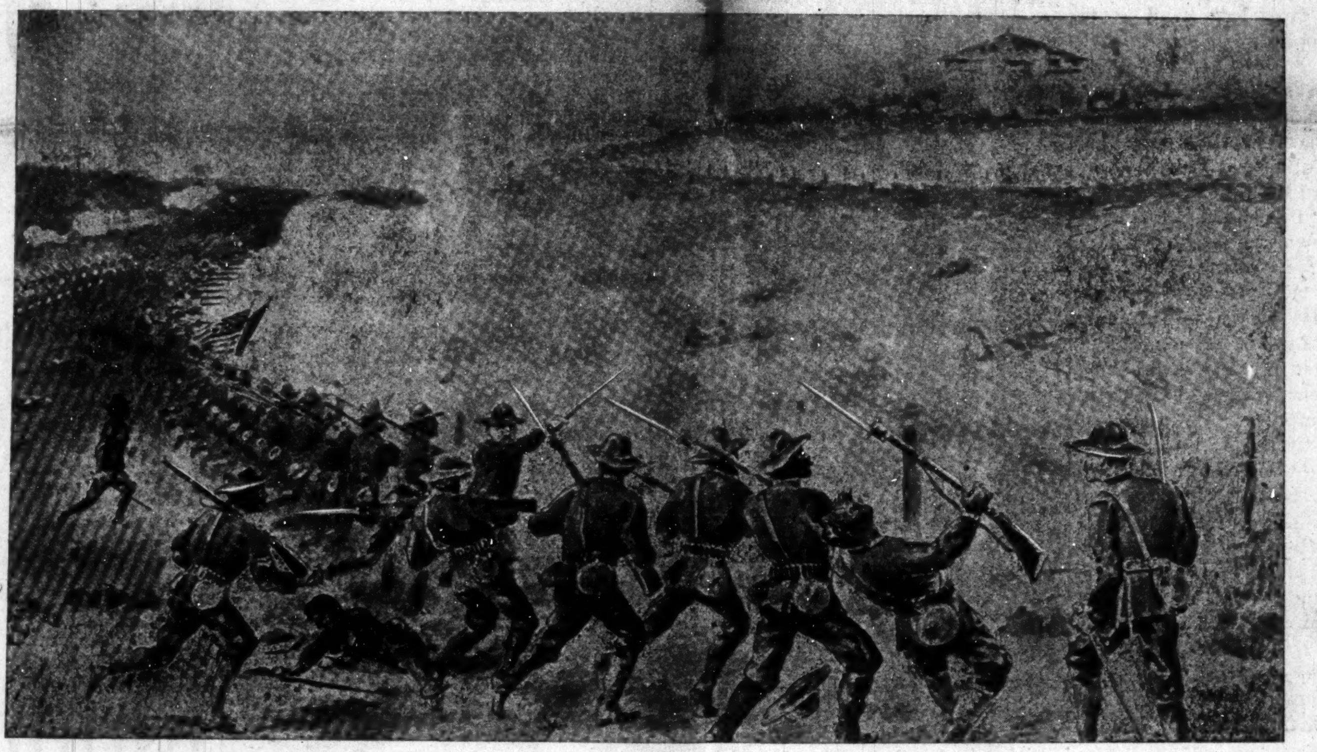
"Not the bravest," said the Sergeant "The bravest man was the one who dashed ahead of us all, shouting to those who faltered:-'Don't show that you are afraid of a lot of little spaniards. Never mind if you do get shot. What's the difference? It's only a matter of a short time with any of us, any-way,' and that man was Captain Ayers."

While it is true that only a few men were able to distinguish themselves in a marked degree as individuals the Negro in this particular attained as much honor as any who participated in the battles. It is a compliment that the race has been able to produce such characters.

It is a great treat to have a view of the personnel of the Tenth Cavalry, the men are such stalwart, spirited, intelligent, well drilled soldiers that they would serve as models of healthy physical development and strong manhood.

It may be of special interest to the readers of The Freeman to learn that Messrs. H. V. Cashin & Co., of Huntsville, Ala., has just published a beautiful souvenir containing life-like engravings of the officers and men of the Tenth U. S. Cavalry to-gether with scenes from the battle fields in Cuba and portraits of the three colored graduates of the West Point N. Y., Military Academy. This book is an enduring monument to the bravery and valor of the Negro soldier and it should be in the home of every member of the race in this country. This souvenir will be sent to any address upon receipt of Ten cents. Those persons who are desirous of acting as agents for the book will. apply to Messrs H, V. Caskin, & Co., Huntsville, Ala., who will, no doubt, be pleased to correspond with them in reference to the matter. It is a money maker for any young man or women who has patriotic fire enough in his or her composition to present it as it ought to be presented. The first agent appointed by the company, I am informed, sold three hundred copies the first day. The press work, the paper, the cover design and the binding are all first-class.

CHARLES ALEXANDER,
546 W. Clinton st., Huntsville, Ala.



THE TENTH UNITED STATES CAVALRY CHARGING UP SAN JUAN HILL.

Interesting Items.

Yoakum, Tex., Special.

The A. M. E. church held their quarterly conference, March 11, 12. and 13. Presiding elder J. V. Goins, officiated, Rev. J. W. Johnson, pastor, M. Jamison, secretary. Mrs. G. S. Martin returned to Halletsville her home, Mrs. Martin expects to reside in Yoakum in the near future as she has a considerable amount of property here. The Teachers Institute convenes Friday and Saturday, the 24-25, at Cuero. Buddie Glenn sends regards to James Campbell, S. H. Dudley, Rhone Davis, Mitchell Walker, Turner and Dr Bill of Galveston, also to friends in the profession. You can always get The Freeman every Saturday at 5 cents a copy or 85 cents for six months 60 cents three months and $1.50 a year by paying in advance at Glenn's news stand, Jamisons barber shop. Lookout for next weeks Freeman there will plenty of Yoakum news in it. The Freeman will be on sale at Glenn's news stand Jamisons barber shop. Wm. Watkins of Columbus, O. has been making his home in Yoakum for the past three years and has built him a nice home. Chas. Davis has been elected city chairman. Lee Jackson takes The Freeman every Saturday. Prof. James Grant and friends went down to Terryville the 11th to attend a social. Jno. Friday entertained the band of the 10th Cavalry while they passed through going to their homes. Sam. Ivery is sick again. Mrs. Annie Parish gave an entertainment at her residence. Arthur E. Hester is a subscriber of The Freeman notwithstanding he works all night, he says he finds time to read it before he goes to sleep and then he feels satisfied.

News in General.

Lafayette, Ind., Special.

The Freeman is a welcome visitor to our city and for its news of a national character it is highly appreciated. Its circulation is steadily increasing. The pupils in the grammer department of Lincoln school, under the management of principal, Wm. F. Anderson were to an interesting address on the "Hampton Institute" last Friday afternoon. The lecture was delivered by Prof, Worth Reed, principal of one of the white schools of this city. The address was highly appreciated and an effort is being made to have it repeated in one of our church. Messrs Calicot and Allen, Barbers are among our new subscribers to The Freeman. Messrs Willis Horner and Jas. Hoffman last week purchased real estate in a handsome part of this city. This by the way is another step in the right direction and goes a long way in solving the great, "Race Problem." In last weeks issue our friend from Ft. Wayne, Ind., boasted of the beautiful lodge room of St. Mary's Lodge. He wants to come down to La Fayette if he desires to step into the prettiest Masonic Hall in the state. Come and see us brother. Just as we were about to close our letter for press, we received the sad news of the death of William Riley. He was enroute to his work at the court house, and when a short distance from there, he fell a victim of heart disease. He had been chief janitor of the court house for a number of years and was a member of the A. M. E. church. A wife, daughter and several relatives mourn his loss. The A. M. E. church of this city is in the midst of a great revival meeting conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. H. White, assisted by several of the city ministers and others from other parts of the state. The result is several conversions and many additions to the church.

The Georgia Minstrels.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

The Georgia Minstrels played to a crowded house here on the 15th and all that we can say for them is that they cannot be excelled. D. C. Albriten of the first ward is on the sick list. The funeral of the late I. L. Jenknis took place on the 11th from Burks Chapel, under the auspices of the U. B. F's. and S. M. T. and the charitable Band of which he was a member. He was an aged citizen of this city and liked by all, he was a member of the above named church and leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss. Rev. Baker of the 7th street Baptist church has opened a revival and welcomes all to christianity. The meeting at Burks Chapel is meeting with success. We need a colored bakery in our city, if you had one, would you support it? We are going to try you. Mrs. J. W. Moore is expected here soon from a visit at Washington. D. C. The Big Four brass band is making arrangements for a new dress uniform for the spring. Lecture meetings are held at the Masonic Hall every Sunday evening 3 o'clock, all master masons desiring to call are welcome. Great preparations are being made at the various churches for Easter Sunday which is April 2nd. The Freeman will try to give its readers a program of all if we can secure a copy of them in time. Sam Prichard attended bar for J. W. Moore on the 13th. It was said that he cut a cheese sandwich for a man and the cheese was so thin that it melted from the heat of the electric light. Messrs Tom Hobson and Stanley Hawkins, are on the sick list. What did the boys mean by saying Buddie Nolen has come back. Mrs. Cassie Murrell was taken seriously ill on the 14th. Miss Felta Brown of Mayfield is visiting Miss Willie Moorehead on North street. Mrs. Cathrine Duffey is very sick at the home of her daughter Mrs. C. H. McGooden on south 10th street. Tommie Hopkins died on the 16 at the home of his uncle Mr. John Clark on north 10th street. S. G. Kivel invites you to his restaurant 118 Court street, where delicious meals are served and The Freeman is read. Please leave your dues for the paper at your homes on collection days and save delay of our agent it is only a small favor. Ben. Grundy is sick at his home on west Court street and would enjoy a visit from his friends. It is impossibletoplease every one but we will try to do so if you will give us a chance. Miss M. T. of west Harrison street wants to know if Charlie Myers is in Indianapolis if so please write Charlie. On account of the Revival their was only a few officers of the church at the minstrel. Does this column suit you this week? If not tell us what you know and that will help. Look at your neighbors paper this week and give us your subscription next week. The agent will collect Thursday of each week. Leave 5 cents.

Items.

Springfield, Ohio, Special.

The Daughters of Jerusalum had their annual sermon preached at Second Baptist church, Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Rev. Maxwell officiated. A drill will be given by the members of the 9th Battalion at St. John's church this week. A reception was tendered Rev. Talbo of the Center street M. E. church Monday evening. The reception was given by the Epworth League. An interesting program was rendered Sunday evening last at the North streeet A. M. E. church. it was quite a literary feast. Sam Robbins of Muncie, Ind., spent a few days in the city, the guest of his brother W. E. Robbins of west Fair street. Harry Roberts and Arthur White of Muncie. were visiting in the city last week. Miss Dolan of Wilberforce also Miss Dent of the same college are visiting friends in the city. Mr. Francis an old veteran soldier was burried from the North street A. M. E. church last Thursday.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB

BALL A GRAND SUCCESS-SOCIAL GATHERINGS IN AND ABOUT THE CITY.

YOUNG COLORED MAN'S SUCCESS

Attained a Prominent Station—Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Entertained at Their Pleasant Home—Local Items.

Duluth, Minn., Special.

The grand ball given by the Young Men's club of Superior was a great success. The costumes were all of the latest cuts and the evening was pleasantly spent by all, W. A. Kemp, has recently been made junior partner of Edwards & Co., decorating establishment. Mr. Kemp is a young man of Toledo, O., and is the first colored gentleman to attain a prominent position in a firm of white proprietors in the prejudiced city of Duluth, Minn. He has the congratulations of his many friends. Miss Zelia Evans was highly entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Gayton, Friday evening March 17, '99. The evening was spent with cards, dancing and music. Prof. William Harvey assisted by his mandolin orchestra furnished music for the evening. The reception room was beautifully decorated, also the dancing apartment. The rooms rang with laughter and merry making of the happy party. The soiree was indeed the grandest affair of the season. Mrs. Gayton makes a most charming hostess and one could not help enjoying themselves while in her presence or at her home. Those present were:—Miss Zelia Evans, lady of honor, wine colored silk with mousseline de soire trimmings and pearls; Miss Blanche James, black satin Bodice, with deep rose silk shirt; Mrs. B. F. Pembleton, black silk; Mrs. Robert Cumby, light blue silk, white satin trimmings. Mrs. Mack Johnson, Black and white silk crepe; Mrs. B. Hall, steel silk, pasamentrie trimmings; Mrs. Grizzle, black silk; Mrs. A. McCowan, black silk crepe; Mrs. J. Chavis, tan ladies cloth. light blue silk bodice; Mrs. R. Hazel black satin rose pink bodice; Mrs. F. Strothers, light blue and white silk, Mrs. Cole, blue silk, Mrs. Bealey, plaid silk, deep satin trimmings; hostess, Mrs. P. L. Gayton, black satin; The Freeman reporter, steele silk; Messrs W. D. Austin, John Sargeant, Wm. Kemp, H. C. Richardson, Wm. Bartao, Wm. Harvey, Charley Watkins Mack Johnson, B. Hall, B. F. Pembleton, Robert Cumby G. H. Gizzell, John Chavis, Richard Hazel, Bealey Cole, P. L. Gayton, host. While St. Marks church is being remodled, services are being held at 17 east Superior street. St. Marks Easter choir met with Mrs. James Black Thursday evening, a good practice was had also an exceedingly pleasant evening.

News in General.

Youngstown, O.. Special.

Mrs. Brokenburg died March 19th, very suddenly at the City Hospital, causek by an operation. The deceased was 34 years old and leaves one daughter. Fred Peterson is very ill with typhoid fever. Gus Lowery's house was visited by fire last week. His household goods was damaged to a great extent, Richard Lynch has severed his connection with Mr. Page, and will open business in a short time. Great preperations for Easter services are being made by A. M. E., and Baptist churches. Prof. Gilmore one of best musicians of the race has organized a banjo glee club composed of his white scholars. Mrs. Jennie B. Smith will visit her sister Mrs. John Arnold, at Greenville, Pa. Mrs. Nannie Coleman is improving slowly. Mr. Day our agent is meeting with success in his work.

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B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

As an ex-editor, ex-business manager and present news paper writer I am going to give—"free gratis"—(I hope the typo will set up the quotation marks) a piece of advice to the leading Negro journals in the United States; by "leading" journal, "I mean" "The Freeman," the "Colored American," of Washington, D. C., the Richmond, (Va.,) "Planet," the Norfolk, (Va.,) "Recorder," the Philadelphia, (Pa.,) "Tribune," the "Colored Preacher," The "Colored Churchman," and "others." The said advice is: Place upon your exchange list all the leading white journals of the country in general, and all the leading daily New York City news papers in particular. They may scorn to exchange with a "nigger" weekly. Do not care, send them a copy every week just the same. If you "know beans" and can write an editorial of weight upon the questions of the day, send them a marked copy, if you have a communication of value upon the race question, blue pencil the same, or an item of Negro wealth or general race progress. Keep it up for a year and both your paper and yourself will be well known all over the the United states. You will find that you have moved three points forward upon the chess board towards the solution of the "Negro problem." Try it boys.

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Let me say between the lines, for heavens sake, and for the sake of the race, send "clean" copies of your paper to your white exchanges. In order to do so, you must have the whole issue "clean." Do not allow your printer to leave out words, or marks or make the 999 mistakes, I see every week in most of the colored journals I get, (and I get all the leading ones every week.) There is hardly a week passes over my head that I do not (in my mind) kill, both body and soul of some careless Negro type setter or proof reader (?) and still at this writing I do not feel guilty of murder, as my jury of literary persons would agree that a careless type setter or proof reader who made "pi" out of an author's M SS should be—well punished here and hereafter.

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A distinguished literary friend, who has no race prejudice says that he can always tell a Negro publication by the number of careless mistakes made by the type setter and overlooked by the "proof reader."

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I wish the Colored American of Washington, D. C., would send a copy of its issue of Feb. 25, 1899. and The Freeman would send a copy of its issue of March 4th, 1899, to every white newspaper published in New Pork City, Brooklyn, Boston and Chicago. I also wish that the "typo" who sets up my Bluster would make less mistakes, and the proof reader correct more.

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A great deal is being said now-a-days about the "white man's burden," and the atmosphere is freighted to the limit with a lot of sickly sentimentality. It is the black man's burden that cries out to heaven. The white man has few burdens that are not self imposed, while the black man has few that are not imposed upon him by the tyranny of unavoidable conditions."—The Colored American.

I had called up my muse and was just going to write a poem—a parody upon Kipling's poem, "The white man's burden,"—when the above pointed lines in the "Colored American" arrested my eye, so I will simply say "I second the motion" and give two good reasons for not writing my proposed poem "The Black Mask Task." The first reason is the "Colored American" says in prose the very thing I was going to say in verse, and second if I should write a poem on the subject, now it would give the critic seemingly good grounds to accuse me of plagiarism, a sin of which I have never been guilty.

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Speaking of plagiarism, there are two kinds of literary robbers, the one who steals your writings or ideas after they have been in print, and the other fellow who "steals your thunder" or pennings before they get in print. The first is a bold highway robber. he 'hold you up' so to speak upon the public road to fame and fortune. So you have a chance to save your property by yelling for help (calling public attention to your stolen writings.) The man who gets his eye upon your M SS before it goes to press and then send the same or the best part of the same, to press ahead of you over his name is a sneak thief.

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I know that "great minds often run in the same channel, therefore I do not want one who reads this "Bluster" to get angry and think I am throwing stones him. Let me say however, that my thoughts have often been stolen, as I do not want to heat any one "too hot," I will add, sometime within the last twenty years. Why don't you get an idea of your own?

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We may go to school forty years, study all kinds of "ologies" and learn to turn well-rounded phrases; we may hold clerkships and teacherships galore; and we may make "able and scholarly" speeches before "large and representative assemblies until our tongues are parched. But if nothing substantial grows out of them—if these are not used as means to develop a foundation in business, to acquire financial independence, and to strengthen our power of competion in the sterner activities of the world, they will count for naught, —save as a pleasant accomplishment that add to the longings of an individual without providing a tangible method of satisfying them.

The race needs money. We are getting everything else more rapidly than we are acquiring wealth, and we seem to lack the ingenuity to turn these possessions into the all important "circulating medium." We must find a way to attractively place our brains upon the market. Our mental endowment and our numerical weight should be considered stock in trade, and disposed of to the greatest advantage, consistent with dignity and honor."—The Colored American.

Again I must agree with the Colored American man and add that business wealth, and race unity are the only solutions to the so called "Negro Problems."

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The barbershop is "the poor man's club" (although the distinguished Bishop Potter says the saloon is,) and the poorer the man the poorer the barber shop in which he spends his idle hours. The news paper writer however has the "keys of the city" and the freedom thereof, and can go in almost any public place without being turned out of "society" (if he has his badge on his vest and his note byok in his hand.) An author, a writer of romance—can go any place his mind or fancy leads him, and defy society. My mind business, and the desire to study human nature (I am a student of human nature) take me into every barber shop for colored people in "Greater New York," where I over hear some great left hand logic and crude philosophy.

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I was seated in a barber's chair, in a middle-class barbershop in Brooklyn the other day, getting my whiskers trimmed (I am wearing full beard this winter) when I over heard the following conversations to-wit: "I say Jack, when have you been up town to see the widow W——?" "Not for a month" was the reply. "Why not?" "Because she's too fly for me, she is always on the beg. She always wants you to buy something. As soon as you get in, its buy me some cream or my dear Mr.—— I wish you would make me a present of a pair of shoes. In this way she is always pulling your leg and—the worse of it is there is no rebate, as she is simply playing you for a sucker. Now, I hold that a woman who asks her gentlemen friends to give her all kinds of presents hats, shoes and even underwear, lays herself liable to be asked questions a virtuous woman would deem an insult. Well, to make a long story short, I 'grossly insulted' the widow W—— to use her words, the last time I called, and I haven't been there since. Now I'm no fool and am not a good thing for any woman, still I am the best man in the world to the fair sex, when I am in the company of ladies I am a gentleman and when I am in—well, Rome I do as Romans do. Now. I argue this way: Why should I buy the friendship or association of any so-called lady? Is it the rules of society to do so? It is not. When the widow W——, asked me for a complete outfit, from dress to—well shoes, which I regret to say I bought for her, there are only three reasons why she could not conclude I was looking for a rebate: First that I was a commissioner of Charity or a millionaire philanthropist or an ex-convict, because—" "Why would she think you was a millionaire. 'cause who ever heard of a nigger millionaire?" asked the speaker's friend. "We can all sing together, but we can't all talk at the same time, if you wait and listen I will explain the whole business, now, as I was going to say. I am a single man, the only support of my mother and three young sisters, I only get twelve dollars a week where I work, and I pay twelve dollars a month for the flat where I live I have no bank account, still I am a man among men and women and to a degree, one of the boys but as I am not one of the Commissioners of Charity, why should widow E—W— expect me to buy her a whole outfit with out expecting a rebate? Again, I am not a wealthy philanthropist helping the poor expecting only a reward in heaven. Then I am not an ex-convict, society—even the black 399—closes its doors against an ex-convict. Now if I was an ex-convict and Mrs. E—W— had come out and said "I always believed Jack Smith was innocent of the crime he was sent to state's prison for, or I believe he was more sinned against than sinning, and am going to re-introduce him into society" and she did so. I would feel as if I owed her a debt of gratitude and would feel it my duty to buy her a whole outfit of clothes from skin out to seal or plush sack, without expecting a rebate, as it is why should I spend the few dollars I have to spend upon her, when I can spend them on women I can get rebates from and I—am—looking—for—the—rebates—every—time, when I buy a woman, well—the whole business a woman wears, from A to Z. I'm no fool. Now let me tell you I—." At this point I left the barbershop with the above written in shorthand.

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Let me say, if I had been in "Jack's" shoes (heaven keep me ont of them) I would have taken the same view of the situation he took.

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WHY DON'T YOU GET AN IDEA OF YOUR OWN?

(A Parody after "Why Don't you get a Lady of your Own.")

Why don't you get an idea of your own?
I hope and trust you'll let my thoughts alone
I want to treat you as a friend, but you don't
seem to care much about that
When you try to steal my pennings from the
"home"
Logic says each man his thoughts must find,
I hope and trust you'll stop a stealing mine
Or else I ll have to bring you up to time,—
Why don't you get an idea of your own?

—B. SQUARE.

In the Social Realm.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.

Master Dewey Holmes departed this life Saturday, March 11, to brighter beyond. He leaves a sorrowing father and mother and a host of friends. Miss Ella Burden is able to be out again after quite a siege of illness. Rev. Henry, pastor of the A. M. E. church is very sick with pneumonia. On April 2, Easter Sunday in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, the members of the Olivet Commandery of K. T., will hold their Easter services at Armory hall. Rev. Henson of Mission A. M. E. church has been chosen as the master-of-ceremonies. The outlook for a great service is splendid. The annual sermon of the hotel waiters will be preached at Allen Chapel by Rev. Jones April 9. The teachers of the public schools of this city after quite awhile of contemplation met at the residence of Mrs. Berkshire, Friday evening, the 3rd of March and temporarily appointed a committee of five to wait on special literary friends and invite them to join this grand and noble act. The following Wednesday evening they met at Mrs. Cruitip's residence, adopted the constitution and by-laws, which were arranged by Messrs. Sims, Jenkins and Miss Knight. Fourteen members were enrolled and the following name was selected and officers elected to hold a term of six months. This assemblage shall be known as the "Parlor Oracle." The officers were: President, Cassius F. Stokes; vice-President, E. B. Powell; Secretary, Miss E. Echton; Assistant Secretary, Miss I. Whitted; Treasurer, Mrs. K. Clark. The following is the program: "The Life of Longfellow,"by J. W. Sims; Cultured Lecture, by Miss A. Knight; "Enoch Arden," by D. Jenkins; "The Literary World," by E. B. Powell. The object and interest of this Oracle is strickly pertaining to literary work. Miss Maggie Jackson has resigned her position at the union depot, and has returned to her home in Robinson, Ill.

Miss Wilkins' New Book.

In April Miss Mary E. Wilkins' latest story, "The Jamesons in the Country," which is now running serially in The Ladies' Home Journal, will be published in book form by the Doubleday & McClure Company, of New York.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox,

Herewith please find enclosed the subscription price of The Freeman for one year. The longer I read The Freeman, the more unwilling I become to be without it. My wish is that it may continue to prosper and grow until it shall be recognized as one of the greatest journal of the present age.

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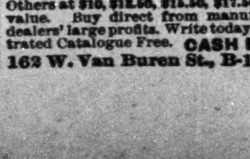

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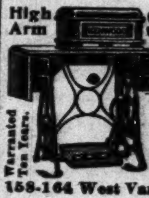

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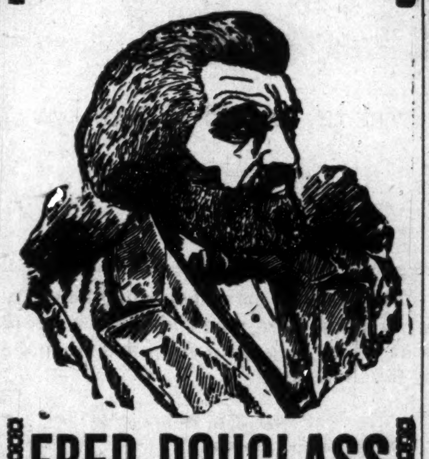

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Personal and Society Happenings—Death of an old Citizen—Grand Cake Walk—Knight Templars Sermon to be Preached Easter Sunday.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mr. Benj. Bolden died at his home 425 W. Walbride st., Wednesday evening, March, 1, at the age of 56 years and 6 months after an illness of several weeks. Bert Hackley and George Tillman gave an exhibition cake walk Thursday evening March, 9, before the Young Men's Social Club. at Battle Creek. Mrs. Wm. Shephard, of Balch st. is on the sick list. Mrs. B. Roberts who has been very sick for the past five weeks is improving slowly. The officers and members of the Second Baptist church met Thursday evening at the home of Deacon Albert White, 421 W. Ransom st. and discussed matters concerning the church with G. D. Smith, of South Bend, moderator of the Chain Lake Baptist Association. As a result, the old trustees were dismissed from office and Messrs. Joseph Pettiford. John Dempsey and Gilbert Phillips were selected to succeed them. The debt on the A. M. E. church is getting along nicely under the charge of Rev. D. Roberts. A large sum is paid each month on the different debts overhanging the church and we pray that our pastor and officers will have as much good luck in the future as in the past. The Knight Templars of St. John's Commandry, No. 5 and the Zora Chapter, No. 3 have accepted the invitation of the pastor of the A. M. E. church to turn out in a body Easter Sunday morning at 10.30. The pastor, Rev. B. Roberts, who is also a Knight Templar, belonging to the same commandry will preach the annual sermon. Emery Shepherd, of Cooper is visiting his uncle George Letts. Miss Belle Coleman, of Detroit is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith, of Porter st. Miss Minnie Hedgebeth Christman entertained the Household of Ruth, No. 1068 at her home 424 E. North st. Tuesday evening. After a fine program was rendered a Dutch lunch was served in Dutchtown. The following is the program for the B. Y. P. U. given at the Second Baptist church Sunday evening, March 12. Subject, 'Temperance. Song, "Rescue the Perishing;" Scripture reading conducted by the president, W J. Pettiford; Invocation, Rev. P. H. Watson; song. Where is my Wandering Boy To-night. Essay, "Cost and Effect of Temperance,' Miss Fannie White; paper, "The Grant Intemperance," Mrs. Laura Frasier; Composition, "Temperance." Miss Chrisman; short lecture on Scientific Temperance, Rev. P. H. Watson. A special invitation was extended to all. The grand Cantata given at the Odd Fellows Hall Tuesday evening, March. 7 was a grand success. After a fine program an elaborate supper was served. A good sum was realized. Rev. B. B. Johnson and wife are to be complemented for their earnest efforts in making this a success which it surely was.

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Local News.

Minneapolis, Minn., Special.

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Personal Mention.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.

Master Walter Roberts is visiting in Mt. Vernon, Ind., this week. Radie Buckley is the guest of her mother at Dubois. Post Sergeant Nathan Bocart, of company K. 10th U. S. infantry, arrived here Sunday evening in charge of three U. S. prisoners, en route for Leavenworth, Kan., where they were to be placed in prison, one for life, for murder, one for thirteen years, and one for two years. While here he was the guest of W. M. Merriwether. Master Andrew Boyd of St. Louis is the guest of friends and relatives of this city. Leon Thompson, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Levi Thompson, died Tuesday night, of pneumonia at the family home on Grand avenue; aged, 4 months and one day. Interment at Old Union. Addie Clark of St. Louis is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. W. Bish. Moses McCarry, who has been the guest of his parents at Metropolis, returned to Mt. Vernon. Julia Renfro was the guest of Mrs. G. W. Beachamp and family Saturday and Sunday. George Person and Richard Covington made a social visit to Centralia Satusday. Rosa Sutton and Carl Sebra are on the sick list.

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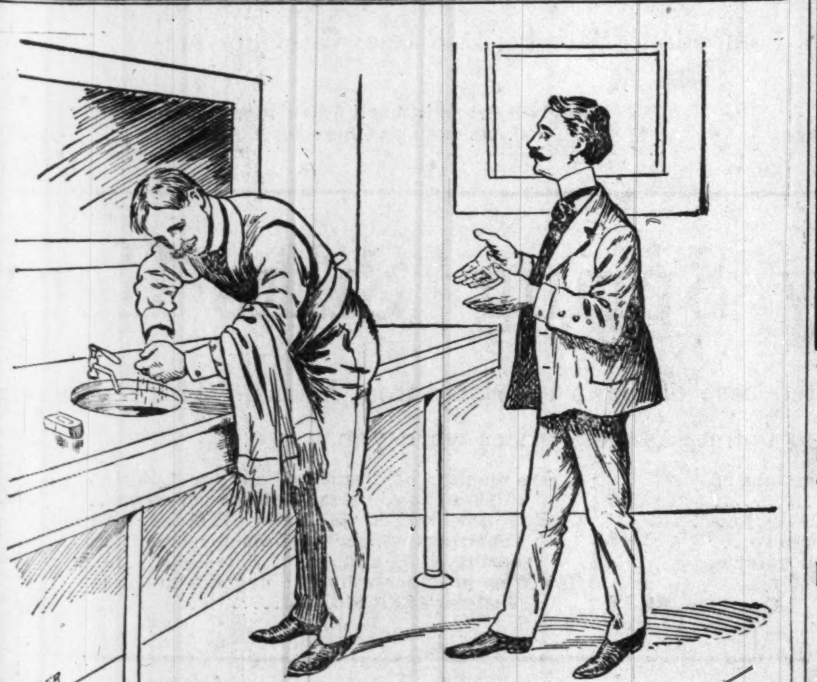

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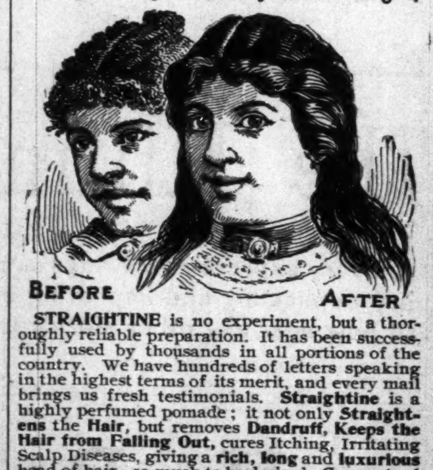

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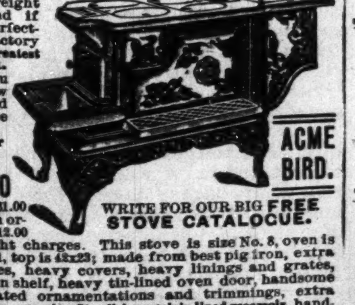

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The Star of Zion, Indianapolis Freeman, Richmond Planet, Illinois Record, Boston Courant, Washington Bee, Colored American, The Appeal, and the last but not least. our King's Texas Weekly Express, are doing great work towards the race's elevation.—The City Times, Galveston, Tex.

As to the above, which is reproduced from the Boston Courant, the Freeman feels that it is in excellent company. It may not please all in its methods of campaign but it tends towards the common goal—a greater sphere of racial activity—and unfortunately, may it be said there is no man nor set of men that knowingly holds the key to the situation.

No man, nor country has seen a similar condition to the one that prevails in the United States of America. One man's opinion or a set of men's opinions availeth nothing until they are productive of results. There is nothing left for any man or men to do but stumble along, fumble along until he strikes a winning gait.

The Freeman has tried bombarding the storm centers of hate and prejudice hoping to erect therefrom a sentiment that would bring surcease from hard trials and tribulations. But Gibraltar like these stood out impregnable to vicious assault. There was no impression made. The play rope gathered up its slack and became the taut strings of defiance. To those who are unwilling to acknowledge the above experience these remarks are not addressed, for they are not on to the situation and by the "statutes" of limitation they are debarred from further consideration.

Those who have noted the increasing hardships from a civic and political standpoint, yea even from an industrial standpoint are forced to confess that the philosopher's stone is yet to be found. "What shall we do to be saved?" is the burning question and it is not to be hooted down the wind by any presumptions set who feel that they are the whole thing; thanking God that their withers are unwrung.

That a racial crisis is on is all too apparent. The days were when the whole North was thrown into a state of perturbation at the action of a Southern mob. To-day the event scarcely elicits comment.

There was a time when the Republican party felt duty-bound to incorporate as a plank in its national platform some reference to the Negro. This is now changed and the mention of Negroes in the platforms of any party is considered positively a menace. We have witnessed the various schemes of disfranchisement each subsequent growing bolder by the enactment of preceeding ones. We have noted the inauguration of the infamous "jim-crow" car system the death knell to Negro appreciation stealthily approaching northward. All of this while the Freeman in common with the whole Negro press occasionally aided by the white press, thundered invectives and yet the work went bravely on. Is it not now quite time to try a new tack since no man holds the clavicle—the open sesame in the language of Ruskins?

What we desire should not influence our actions further than it tends to bring the thing desired. As Booker T. Washington puts it the race perhaps is in too great a hurry. Not in too great a hurry for the justice that should be meted out to mankind, but perhaps in too great a hurry for the surrounding conditions to be more pointed in too great a hurry for the white man. who is somewhat of a factor in the deal.

The Freeman feels that if vicious assault or attempted retaliation can only conjure up reminders of chains that are in any case not reminders, that some other method must be tried. In these days when the race feels that everything that is not fire and tow is an apology, it would be well to reflect that the condition in North Carolina was not the result of an apology.

"THE NIGGER NINTH."

It is with great pleasure that we again present the very excellent poem, "The Nigger Ninth," written by Dr. George E. Powell, of LaCrosse, Wis. In his letter to The Freeman accompanying the poem he said that in his experience as a literary man of a number of years standing that this poem was his first Waterloo—rejected. He insisted that it deserved a better fate and sent it to the Freeman, void of any trappings save, "Geo. E. Powell" as the author. The Freeman concluded, after reading scarcely a dozen lines that the poem possessed unusual merits. Even if there was a chance for a difference owing to the question of ability of poetical discernment, there was no difference of opinion as to the grand characterization of the gallant Ninth. But happily our predictions have been verified in that the composition is a poem in all that the word implies. 'The Nigger Ninth," this grand recital of those ebony hued sons who themselves were but half-fledged freemen, battling like demons that others might be free is a tale that will compare with the most self-sacrificing exploits in the annals of history. The race should take courage in the fact that God moves in a mysterious way, and that while the new times in which we live can not conjure forth a Harriet Beecher Stowe, a Lovejoy or a Garrison yet, in the fullfillment of destiny, others will be raised to care for the new exigencies created. It is no longer the age of force, but the age of reason when it comes to the very vexed racial problem. The white people must learn the value of the Negro by his constant doing and the advertisement of his deeds whether in battle or in the more peaceful pursuits. The white race will not forever remain insensible to these mute appeals. A new Stowe will arise with newer duties to perform. The race may not look for a tale of humility and the taskmaster's lash, that lashed the nation into vast opposing walls of sectional strife. It may look now and anon to see adherents won from their prejudices, testifying to the valor of the Negroes as does Dr. Geo. E. Powell, or in some way giving evidence of the brotherhood of mankind. This is to be the war against prejudice—a silent crusade.

The poem, as we said before, breathes a blessing, not owing to the very graphic recital of that very sanguinary struggle—iron rain and leaden hail, but because the Negroes deeds are justly summarized—at par. All hail to him that has the courage to leave those hate bound communities in defiance of their well known traditions and appear in the broad open field of truth in order to add a word of cheer to a people subject to social civic and political proscription.

It is to be hoped that time will not be dilatory in adding others to the well begun list—and that ere long sweet peace and serenity will await all mankind.

The ovation tendered the Eighth regiment of Illinois on its return home to Chicago was generous and warm. All the citizens vied with one another in doing honor to the boys in blue that ran such great risks in the name of the common country. This home coming was a pronounced success. The young soldiers doubtless felt that their reception in a great measure repaid all hardships endured. They lived in the hearts of their countrymen.

THE CHARGE OF THE "NIGGER NINTH."

BY GEORGE E. POWELL

Hark! O'er the drowsy trooper's dream,
There comes a martial metal's scream,
That startles one and all!
It is the word, to wake, to die!
To hear the foeman's fierce defy!
To fling the column's battle-cry!
The "boots and saddles" call.

The shimmering steel, the glow of morn,
The rally-call of battle-horn,
Proclaim a day of carnage, born
For better or for ill.
Above the pictured tentage white,
Above the weapons glinting bright,
The day-god casts a golden light
Across the San Juan Hill.

"Forward!" "Forward!" comes the cry,
As stalwart columns, ambling by,
Stride over graves that, waiting, lie
Undug in mother earth!
Their goal, the flag of fierce Castile
Above her serried ranks of steel,
Insensate to the cannon's peal
That gives the battle birth!

As brawn as black—a fearless foe;
Grave, grim and grand, they onward go,
To conquer or to die!
The rule of right; the March of might;
A dusky host from darker night,
Responsive to the morning light,
To work the martial will!
And o'er the trench and trembling earth,
The morn that gives the battle birth
Is on the San Juan Hill!

Hark! sounds again the bugle-call!
Let ring the rifles over all,
To shriek above the battle-pall
The war-god's jubilee!
Their's, were bondmen, low, and long;
Their's, once weak against the strong;
Their's, to strike and stay the wrong.
That strangers might be free!

And on, and on, for weal or woe,
The tawny faces grimmer go,
That bade no mercy to a foe
That pitties but to kill.
"Close up!" "Close up!" is heard, and said,
And yet the rain of steel and lead
Still leaves a livid trail of red
Upon the San Juan Hill!

"Charge!" "Charge!" The bugle peals again:
'Tis life or death for Roosevelt's men!—
The Mausers make reply!
Aye! speechless are those swarthy sons,
Save for the clamor of the guns—
Their only battle-cry!
The lowly stain upon each face,
The taunt still fresh of prouder race,
But speeds the step that springs a-pace,
To succor or to die!

With rifles hot—to waist-band nude;
The brawn beside the pampered dude;
The cowboy king—one grave—and rude—
To shelter him who falls!
One breast—and bare,—howe'er begot;
The low, the high—one common lot;
The world's distinctions all forgot
When Freedom's bugle calls!

No faltering steps, no fitful start;
None seeking less than all his part;
One watchward springing from each heart,—
Yet on, and onward still!
The sullen sound of tramp and tread;
Abe Lincoln's flag still overhead;
They followed where the angels led
The way, up San Juan Hill!

And where the life stream ebbs and flows,
And stains the track of trenchant blows
That met no meaner steel,
The bated breath—the battle yell—
The turf in slippery crimson, tell
Where Castile's proudest colors fell
With wounds that never heal!

Where every trooper found a wreath
Of glory for his sabre sheath;
And earned the laurels well;
With feet to field and face to foe,
In lines of battle lying low,
The sable soldiers fell!

And where the black and brawny breast
Gave up its all—life's richest, best,
To find the tomb's eternal rest
A dream of freedom still!
A groundless creed was swept away,
With brand of "coward"—a time-worn say—
And he blazed the path a better way
Up the side of San Juan Hill!
For black or white, on the scroll of fame,
The blood of the hero dyes the same;
And ever, ever will!

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Sleep, trooper, sleep; thy sable brow,
Amid the living laurel now,
Is wound in wreaths of fame!
Nor need the graven granite stone,
To tell of garlands all thine own—
To hold a soldier's name!

[In the city of New Orleans, in 1866, two thousand two hundred and sixty-six ex-slaves were recruited for the service. None but the largest and blackest Negroes were accepted. From there were formed the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth infantry, and the Ninth and Tenth cavalry. All four are famous fighting regiments, yet the two cavalry commands have earned the proudest distinction. While the record of the Ninth cavalry, better known as the "Nigger Ninth," in its thirty-two years of service in the Indian wars, in the military history of the border, stands without a peer; and is, without exception, the most famous fighting regiment in the United States service.]—AUTHOR

On the 21st of March 1898, a daily paper of La Crosse. Wis., had the following to say in reference to Dr. George E. Powell:

TO FIGHT IN MASON'S PLACE.

DR. POWELL OF LA CROSSE WAS READY FOR A DUEL WITH BARON EL CARDO.

La Crosse, Wis., March 21.—In response to the challenge of Baron El Cardo, marquis of Alta Villa, Madrid Spain, to fight a duel with Senator Mason of Illinois for the latter's utterances in the United States senate. Dr. George Powell of this city has cabled the following acceptance of the challenge in Mason's stead:

To Baron El Cardo, Madrid, Spain.—Through the press dispatches I am informed that you have challenged Senator Mason to mortal combat for words spoken in defense of his position as the champion of the patriotism and principles of his country and its people in the United States senate, with usual Spanish generosity selecting your own weapon.

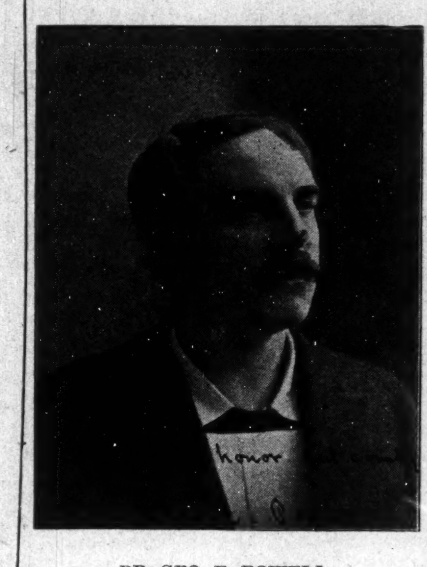
Now, as Senator Mason has spent a lifetime in the pursuit of a more humane calling, and in the walks of a civilization which has but poorly fitted him to meet a bully at arms, as one who has admired and now indorses the objectionable words and patriotism of Senator Mason, I, as a plainsman, a westerner, one of a class known as "typical American," typical because it holds principle as patriotism, above price—because it believes that murder in the first degree cannot be paid for with gold—hereby accept your challenge, and name the army pistol, the old forty-four, the organ of civilization, the instrument with which the American pioneer measured justice to assassins.

And while earnestly assuring you and all your kind that thousands of men of my type stand ready to step in my tracks and pick up my pistol, if it should fail. I sincerely thank the representative of a thousand years of barbarism for the opportunity to fire the first shot in revenge for the yankee sailors who fed the sharks in the bottom of Havana Bay.

GEO. E. POWELL, La Crosse, Wis.

The above cable was sent March 17, but was not made public until to-day.

Dr. Geo. E. Powell is a noted western plainsman and Indian fighter who followed the fortunes of the army for thirty years in the capacity of scout and guide in the numerous Indian wars, serving with distinction under every general of the army west of the Mississippi river during his term of service. So valuable have been the services rendered by him to the army that he has been the recipient of many mementos from his commanders, notable among them being a magnificent silver-mounted revolver costing $150 and presented by the late General George A. Custer


DR. GEO. E. POWELL.

Dr. Powell is about 50 years of age, and a well-known physician of La Crosse. He is of a modest and retiring disposition, but when once aroused becomes a lion in battle. Dr. Powell is a boon companion of such noted frontiersmen as Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill, Texas Jack, and others of equal note.

It is with pleasnre that we receive the Daily Alaskan of Skagway, Alaska, from Jerry E. Moore, colored of that far away country. The Alaskian is an up-to-date publication filled with illustrations and choice reading matter. Price fifteen cents.

ASSASSINATION.

After a lapse of a few weeks the lynching spirit has broken out in the South in all of its old time ferocity. Palmetto, Ga., last week, was the scene of an outrage that cries loudly for revenge or justice at least. Nine Negroes who were in the jail charged with arson, were shot down by two-hundred-fifty masked ruffians like so many dogs. The majority of the nine are dead. As has been said there was no necessity for the act as they were confined and the law would have soon reached their cases. The Governor is to he commended for his prompt action in the matter and the offering of a reward for the apprehension of the leaders of the mob. His action perhaps may not serve any purpose as it is not very likely that any of the mob will be brought to judgement. It is the same story over and over again. The murdering of these men is far more than murder. It is again a fling of defiance at the Negroes. It would be well for the Negroes to observe the attitude of the whole country on such happenings, as the result of which will be the truest guide to racial prosperity.

Rev. D. A Graham, of this city is the author of a recent publication, "The True Christian Sabbath', further entitled "A Defense Against Seventh Day Adventism." It is an interesting little volume from its title pape to its finale. The introduction is especially interesting as it sets forth the author's experience of the insinuating methods of this sect in winning adherents. He says that the motive is always kept well in the background until the candidate for conversion is well warmed with prayer and spiritual exhortation which disarms suspicion, wins sympathy, then follows the real object—a seventh day sabbath campaign. The author carries the reader through a maze of authorities in support of the Lord's day as the day of days rather than Saturday,—a Mosaical institution that was put away on the advent of Christ with all other strictly Jewish notions. He shows that the church that tries to hold to the seventh day idea is dead; and indeed there is no attempt to win converts to christianity or to God but all of its energies are bent on converting the world to the seventh day idea. They make proselytes of other denominations wherever it is possible and notwithstanding the age of the movement there are but 50,000 communicants, whereas the African Methodist church according to the volume has 600,000 communicants alone. The volume is very readable and certainly recommends itself to those who are given to theological investigation. Rev. Graham by his pithy method of presenting facts garnered from such widely distributed sources gives promise of doing much valuable work in this line which is distinctly on the text book order with the facts set forth in the most enchanting guise. The price of the boook, 15 cents is within reach of all.

Notwithstanding Governor Chandler's prompt action in offering a reward for the apprehension of the members of the Palmetto, Ga., mob, he admits very much when he says that the Negro soldiers in passing had rekindled sectional animosity. The Columbus Dispatch of Ohio takes his Governorship to task for offering this as an excuse for the murdering. If such be the reason it is indeed flimsy enough. Yet at the same time the Negroes are not astonished at the commission of the deed. For a long time there has been evidences of just such a result. It is more astonishing that it was so long defered. The war has done very little towards aiding the Negroes in the South.

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Harry Waters (Rastus) of Scott's Negro Minstrels, was a visitor in Indianapolis Sunday.

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Billy Miller, monologue artist, with Scott's Minstrels, is hitting 'em hard in a new up-to-date monologue turn.

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Thomas Craig sends regards to all friends. He says that he will be a "Buffalo" as soon as he reaches New York City.

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The Hunts—Wm. and Maude, have closed with the Illuminated Tower Concert company, and returned to their home at Indianapolis.

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Dan and Lizzie Avery have closed with the Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's Minstrel Festival, and returned to their home in Chicago.

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Joe Pleasant of the Georgia Up-to-Date has closed with that company and left for St. Louis. His permanent address is still with The Freeman.

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Willis Accooe, musical director with Isham's Octoroons, has been on the sick list with the grip, but is getting along nicely and will soon be at his post again.

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George Day sends regards to all members of "Darkest America." Look for the Youngstown news. Clifford Brooks "We're Happy Little Darkies on the Levee."

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Harry L. Gillam was compelled to cancel his engagement with Lowery's concert band for the summer season, on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Georgia E. Gillam.

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Mrs. Joe Dobbins, of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Fred W. Simpson, of Indianapolis, Ind., are visiting their husbands who are members of the Oliver Scott Refined Negro Minstrels.

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Andrews and Hollinsworth are the authors of a 20-minute act which they will soon produce with Cobb's Specialty company. Andrews is making a big hit singing the "Big Black Colored Ball."

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P. G. Lowery is looking forward to have his ideal band the coming season. The band will appear in all the cities of the United States. Prof. Lowery will join his band about April 14, in New York City.

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Hampton and Johnson, musical comedians, are gradually climbing the ladder—and Hampton has got on his thinking cap for new ideas and novelties. They send regards to all B. O. of C. P. Hello! Logan!

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W. A. Seymour, late master of ceremonies with Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's minstrel festival, has located in Hot Springs, Ark., where he has opened a billiard and pool room. The Freeman can be found on sale at Mr. Seymour's place of business every Saturday.

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J. Ed. Green, American baritone, was a Freeman caller last Monday. Mr. Green is interlocutor and vocal director with the Oliver Scott Minstrels, also the manager of the Great American Choir, a new singing organization that is expected to create a sensation in the East this summer.

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Shepard N. Edmonds, singing comedian and song writer, was on the bill at Weber and Fields' last Sunday night, and was a howling success—taking four big encores—and working just ahead of Press Eldridge. Mr. Edmonds is now in his third week at Koster and Bial's, where he is fourteenth on the bill, and is a howling success.

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A gloom of sadness was cast over the members of "Georgia Up-to-Date" at Mankato, Minn., when the Gillams—Harry, Allie and Bessie, received a telegram announcing the death of their their mother, Mrs. Georgia Gillam, in Cleveland, O., March 1, 1899. They left for Cleveland immediately. The Gillams have the sympathy of the entire company in their sad bereavement. They will return to the company about March 19.

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Simpson and Pittman, high-class musical artists are meeting with great success with their new and novel musical act, which is being featured with Scott's Minstrels. They are doing a fourteen minute act, full of music, interpersed with witty sayings, which never fails to please both the music and fun loving patrons.

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Fred W. Simpson, our special representative with Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels: "Mr. Oliver P. Scott, our genial proprietor, who has been away from the show several days returned to the show in Elwood, for a short while only. He was well pleased with the success the show has had during his absence. We played Elwood on the 18th to the capacity of the house, notwithstanding we are following "Darkest America" and the famous Georgias, the general verdict was that we are the people. J. Ed Green sends regards to Tom Logan. Ralph Devine wishes Walter Johnson success in his new act: "The Wandering Jew."

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P. G. Hampton, our special representative with Isham's Octoroons, writes: "During our engagement at Elmira, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, and Miss Madah A. Hyer were the guest of Mrs. Bob Mack, widow of the well known performer in minstrelsy, Bobby Mack, one of the old Callender's Georgia minstrels. There are seven candidates for the "Buffaloes" among us, and when we arrive in New York the members of Moore Lodge, No. 3, must be prepared to initiate them, as the boys are training for the most eventful day of their lives. Bill Harris our song book seller, is a 'natural born' speiler, and when he is through talking songs—there's nothing to it."

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James White, principal comedian this season with Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels was a visitor in the Hoosier capital Sunday and Monday of this week circulating among his relatives and many friends. "Our Jimmy" reports that the show is meeting with great success, notwithstanding the fact on several occasions, they have played on the heels of Richards and Pringle's minstrels and "Darkest America." Mr. White is working on a lot of new "stuff" for next season. He has received many flattering offers from responsible managers, but as yet he has not signed. Mr. White left Indianapolis Monday afternoon for Noblesville, arriving there in time for the evening performance.

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The Shakesperian recital given March 10, in Hot Springs, by Messrs. W. A. Seymour and Ernest Q. Garnes, for the benefit of Visitors Chapel. Mr. Seymour appeared as Mark Anthony, Eugene Aram, Regulis, Brutus, Cataline. Mr. Garnes appeared as Othello, Richard III, Cassius, the Gladiator and Laska. The musical part of the program was under the skillful direction of Miss Mattie L. Dover. A large audience was in attendance and the program was more than enjoyed, being one of the best concerts ever given in Hot Springs. The gentlemen in their recital showed marked ability and that they are masters of the characters that they appeared in. They are to appear several times during the season by special request of the prominent visitors of that city.

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Clarksville, Tenn., Notes:— Albert Meriwether, formerly of the team of Cobb and Meriwether has returned home from Louisville, Ky., after filling several dates in Evansville, Ind. He says he's come to stay. A new song entitled the "Bell of Tennesse" composed by Mr. J. C. Steele is a hot number and is now in press. Cobb and Hester, the two contestants for cake walk honors were a decided novelty at Elder's Opera house. Hester won on points but Cobb was the favorite among those admirers of fancy steppers. Messrs. Sam Steele, Jim Gill and Jerry Cobb always make a hit singing, "Break The News to Mother," "Let Me Bring My Clothes Back Home" and Whose Dat Say Chicken in This Crowd." The Sunshine Quartette consisting of some of our prominent young men were not in it at Elder's Opera House March 2 and every body is saying "they were on the fence." Mr. Geo. Jones, of St. Louis Mo., better known as "Rabbit," is a pupil of the famous Dan Washington. He is the undefeated champion of Missouri. George gave the local cake walkers a close run for their money at Elder's Opera house, March, 23. Mr. Frank Bronaugh the "Missouri Swell" was a star attraction and led the cake walk to perfection. The Trilby Quartette, of Hopkinsville, Ky. gave an interesting entertainment at Fifth Ward church Mar 20. They challenged the local quartetts but the locals stayed in the back ground.

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Notes from Thayer's minstels and cake walkers: "We are giving the denizens of the Pennsylvania coal regions a splendid run for their money. Our show since the arrival of our efficient stage manager, Mr. Tom Logan, has been reorganized and placed upon a level with the best of up-to-date shows. Company all well and cheerful. The first part goes with a rush—not a second is permitted to drag and the hearty encores accorded the performers, assures them that their efforts are appreciated. Rabbit Reese and James Godman furnish the mirth in the first edition of the first part, and ballads are rendered by Misses DeMount, Ver Valin, Stanly, Larkin, Nixon and Mr. Wm. Thomas. The advent of the premiers John Larkins and Jeff DeMount which marks the beginning of the second edition, indicates that volley after volley of witticisms are to be fired at the audience with an amazing rapidity. Tom Logan is an ideal interlocutor.—But the finale! 'The Cheese-knife' by Larkins, DeMount and Logan, assisted by the entire company is an innovation, and is the most exciting finale before the public. Curtain calls are frequent. The olio is exceptionally strong, and presents the following specialties. Waverly City Quartette: William Thomas, George R. Reese, Morro Halligo and Joe Williams. The peerless sketch team: William and Sedonia DeMount. Tom Logan, character artist in Irish, Dutch, Italian, Aged Darkey and Hebrew impersonations. Ver Valin and Godman, the monarchs of musical comedy. Miss Lulu Stanly, the petite soubrette. The Larkins (John and Ida) The Hot Coons. The performance closing with an elegantly costumed, refined cake walk. Executive Staff: George C. Thayer, proprietor and manager; Charles Nuckols, advance representative; Tom Logan, stage manager; Chauncey Ver Valin, bandmaster; G. H. Hunster, leader of orchestra. Roster: Misses Lulu Stanly, Laura Nixon, Flora Scott, Ida Larkins, Tenia Mizzell, Sidonia DeMount, Druscilla Ver Valin, Ella Brown, Jennie Johnson, Nannie Emerson, Lily Edwards, Anita Berg, Laura B. Johnson; Messrs. James Godman, Chauncey Ver Valin, Will DeMount, George Rabbitt Reese, G. H. Hunster, Will Grant, Harry Manly, Will St. Lawrence, John Larkins and Tom Logan." (RABBIT.)

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Mr. Robt. Leach, our special representative with Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's Minstrels, writes: "We are now nearing the end of a long and prosperous season, and the members are all eager for a little vacation. We have just received the 'great colored Clipper' and the boys are all buried in its pages. The members of the company are all enjoying the best of health. After doing a tremendous business in the Hoosier state we are again in the Sunny South. J. E. Sherman, our interlocutor and basso, sends regards to all friends. At Princeton, on the 14th, Manager Rusco was presented with a fine umberella, by the members of the company, that being his birthday. Manager Rusco is held in high esteem by all the members of the company. Maurice Jordan was entertained by Wm. Taylor, formerly of Mahara's Minstrels, while in Henderson, Ky. Robt. Leach also met and was entertained there by Don Moss, an old 9th Cavalry comrade. J. W. Toomey sends regards to Nellie and Charlie Small, of "Coon Hollow" company. The celebrated Yammomoto Bros., are a great addition to our company, and created no small amount of excitement during their act. Likewise does the 'Big Black Thing' who has only to make its appearance to bring down the house. Maurice Jordan sends regards to W. C. Handy and James Turner, of Mahara's Minstrels. S. E. Dodd is playing his own cornet polka in which he makes five c's in his cadenza. 'Big Squirrel', the champion water man, will issue a challenge in next issue of The Freeman. Mr. Gauze has added to his vast reportoire of songs Sid Perrin's 'Kill it Babe' which he is singing with success. Mr. Watts is singing with success 'To-Night His Face is Missing in the Old Home'. Messrs. Robt. Leach and Elmore Dodd have just purchased a couple of C. G. Conn's tenor saxophones which will be an addition to their act which they are now rehearsing for the coming season. Harry Fidler our stage manager, is now closing the olio with his new monologue turn which is a great hit—everything new rich and spicy, which shows that he has been doing some brain work. Mr. Kersands has been on the sick list the past week (the first time in fourteen years) but he did not miss a performance. He and Mrs. Kersands was entertained in Paducah, Ky., by Mrs. Emma Nelson, wife of Dr. Nelson, and daughter of Mr. Kersands. He sends regards to Tom McIntosh and wife. 'Big Squirrel' sends regards to 'Little Squirrel,' Phil Payne and John Rucker. In Cairo, Ill., on the 17th, the company was tendered a banquet at the halls of the Maceo club of which W. T. Scott is proprietor and manager. We had only 30-minutes, but the boys did justice to themselves—especially J. W. T. and H. S. W.

Revival Meeting.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

The revival at the A. M. E. church has closed. Rev. F. A. Edwards and wife of Franklin, Ind., who had been assisting Rev. A. Smith have returned to their home. A. J. Allen was in Chicago last week. George Hill is in Indianapolis. The child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Malone of Washington street is quite sick. C. S. Jones, has moved his barber shop to 326 Market street. Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay of Cincinnati, O., are the guests of Mrs. Chas. Parder in Miama street. Miss Lottie King spent last week in Kenneth. Master Herbert Carter has been asked to sing in the Elks Minstrel. He is only five years old.

Personal Mention.

Hannibal, Mo., Special.

The churches of the city are making special efforts to have a grand event Easter Sunday. Mrs. Helms is visiting in Keokuk. Miss Lucy Combs has returned after a pleasant visit in Kansas City, The young men of the city have organized a literary society known as the Atheian Liery Club, and they spend the evening rendering interesting programs. Miss Lucy Combs is recovering from a serious spell of sickness, Master Edward Phœnix is giving first-class musical entertainments nightly with great success.

Gleanings.

Cleveland, O., Special

The small pox has begun to enter the homes of colored citizens and it behooves one and all to take precautionary measures against this contagious disease. During the past three weeks, at least six colored families have had their homes quarantined, where smallpox was found. The homes of Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Hill of Erie street, and Miss Miss Lillie Johnson of California street are a few of colored homes recently quarintined. Jay Noble the music teacher, received word to come at once to his home at Norwalk, O., where his aunt is expected to die at any minute. Mrs. Fannie Blackburn of Howe street is expected home from Kentucky, where she has been spending several weeks with friends. Mrs Mattie Nickens gave a grand party at the residence of Mrs. Chas. Stewart, on the 16th, inst. Little ten year old Arthur, the son of Mrs. Nickens, and one of the coming champions cake walkers found no trouble in taking first honors in the cake walk. Little nine year old Nellie Stewart was his partner. The Freeman can be found every Saturday at 387 Superior street, 359 Central avenue and at 452 Erie street. Leave order, notes and etc. at any of the above addresses and the agent will give your orders immeadiate attention. Two colored waiters were discharged from the American house last week for giving one of the white cooks a pair of black eyes. Hon. Harry Smith is one of the busiest men in the city at present. He is whooping 'em up night and day for the election of Mayor McKisson.

Local News.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Thomas Wright has been on the sick list several days, but is out again. Mrs. Shields of Paducah, Ky., was in the city recently visiting Mr. and Mrs. Shields, the tight and slack wire artists. Mrs. Allison sister of Mrs. Sallie White is improving. Dave Lott who has been on the sick list several weeks is improving. Mrs. Cobb wife of Charlie Cobb is up again after a short illness at her home in Gupton Alley. Gilbert Barker is still among the sick in New Providence. Bettie Barker of Hopkinsville, Ky., has returned home after several weeks visit to Miss Ladd of this city. George Hester has opened up a nice fish stand on Strawberry street. George Perryman is preparing to open up a suitable restaurant April 1st, on Strawberry street. Bennie Hudson has accepted a position as barber with Steele & White. Mr. Maclyn is ill at his home on Strawberry street. Jim Jackson is lingering ill at the home of Ned Smith on Taylor's Hill. Mrs. Susie Boyd formerly Miss Susie Ramey is filling her position as of yore at the public school. A movement is on foot headed by Sam Steele to give a grand ball at the Tobacco Exchange and invites married as well as single folks. Mrs. Susie Shields wife of the "Iron jawed man" is visiting friends in Paducah, Ky. Monroe Dukett has arrived in the city from Louisville, Ky., visiting friends and relatives.

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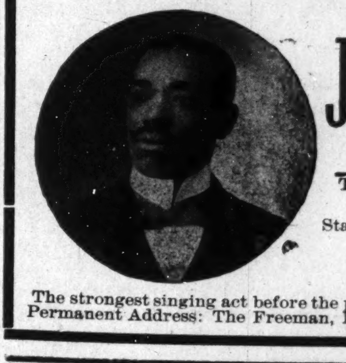

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Hunintgton, W. Va. Special.

Many hearts were made glad when the train bearing our brown boys from W. Va., 8th Regiment, rolled into the station Thursday night. Although they never saw active duty on the field of Cuba, yet they were among the bravest of our boys in blue. Some of them tell horrible stories of the rough treatment of the southern whites, whose hateful prejudice was not even checked by the cloud of war. Augustus Morris, Walter Green and others of our city came back in almost a critical condition. At Nashville one hundred police thronged the depot with a maddened crowd. who went through the coaches searching our unarmed soldiers and they say taking what money they had. We understand through the press that the officers of the regiment will enter suit in the United States court, against citizens of Nashville on account of cruel treatment of soldiers. It is evident, if the the story they bring is true something must be done. On the fifth nstant, Dr. C. A. Payne, was installed pastor of the Baptist church. The coming of Dr. Payne to this city means a great deal. The people should justly be proud of this man. He is the only Negro who ever sat as a representative in the legislature of West Virginia. He has been during the last year Internal Revenue Collector for this District, thus occupying a position never before held by a colored man, We learn with authority that he resigned a position paying him $250 per month, to take this church. Rev. Bryant. Galllipolis, O., preached the instalation sermon. Mrs. Fannie Perkins entertained the Orion Social Club in grand fashion, Friday night. Until a late hour all enjoyed themselves with amusements after which luncheon was served. Mr. Edward Whurl, of the Adelphia hotel, after a short illness is able to resume work again. Will Findey, supposed to be murdered, arrived in the city last week. Douglass high school is is preparing to have a grand Commencement this year. "Among the Breakers," a drama was given at Good Will Hall, on the 6, for the benefit of the M. E. church. Much credit is due Miss Georgia Glover and Mrs. B. C. Turner as originators of the plan.

Gleanings.

Duluth, Minn., Special.

The waffle supper at the residence of Mrs. Herbert Parker. Monday evening was a grand success. Receipts were favorable, and were donated to the A. M. E. church. Sunday afternoon a happy party gathered at the residence of Mrs. E. A. Porter. Singing of solos and piano solos helped to pass away the pleasant hours. The Misses Maie Black, Blanche Pollard, Amelia Porter, Messrs H. C. and W. B. Richardson. W. D. Austin, R. Pelham and James Porter were in attendance. Miss Zelia Evans of St. Paul is visiting her mother in our city. The St. Marks choir is practicing for a grand Easter celebration. The first union meeting was held with Miss Amelia H. Porter, 721 west First street. Those present were:—Misses Allen, Maie Black, Blanche Pallard, sopranos; Mrs. Rev. R. Taylor, and Amelia Porter, contraltos; H. C. Richardson, Wm. Kemp, W. D. Austin, tenors; W. C, Richardson, baritone; James A. Porter, bass. Prof. C. W. Dorsey, accompanist. After practice light refreshments were served and after a short discussion the meeting adjourned to meet the next Thursday at the residence of Mrs. James Black. Mrs. H. J. Shelton at St. Lukes Hospital is improving rapidly. Miss Minnie Richie and T. D. Tutt, became members of St. Marks church Sunday evening. May God bless them and guide them in the right path, also W. B. Richardson who was baptized last Sunday morning in Baptist church.

Interesting Items.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.

Prof. W. T. Breeding principal of the Cemetry Hill school of Montgomery, is one of those few bright young men who possesses will-power, pluck, push and energy. He is a product of the A. and M. College at Normal, Ala., presided over by that brainy Negro W. H. Councill, Ph. D. Prot. Breeding has just returned from Summerville, Ala., where he went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mollie Breeding, his brother's wife. Mrs. Breeding was one of the strongest christian workers in her section. She had been a member of the C. M. E. church for 20 years, her illness was very short. She leaves a husband and six children and a host of friends. Prof. W. B. Carrell and wife have gone to Washington, D. C. Prof. Carrell has a position in the Naval Department. They own valuable property in the city, and were numbered among our best citizens. They leave a vacancy which may not be filled soon in the social life of Alabama's Capital. The C C.Union appointed the Revs. A. L. Demond G. W. Lewis and editor Jenkins to meet the Rev. Dr. J. H. Manley in The Freeman's office to report on "Chicken Industry," or "chicken raising." Our good editor did not show up, hence they decided to defer and go to the good sisters for consultation. Mrs. Laura Ross of Danville, Va., is visiting friends at 310 Pelham street. Hon. John C. Leftwich was in Birmingham last week.

Items.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

It is reported that Mr. Louis Rucker, the well known porter on the City of Shurfield was drowned Tuesday the 7th at Cairo, Ill., by falling from the above boat. Bub Dobson, who was cut last Monday night by Jasper Hawkins, is reported better at this writing. The origin of the trouble is unknown. Mr. James Holland of Mayfield made a flying trip to the city this week. Will Hymes says he has returned to stay. Welcome prodical son.

News Notes.

Grand Rapids, Mich, Special.

Mrs. F. I. Ballad is recoverying from quite a severe attack of la grippe. Miss Bertha Brown left Monday for Lafayette, Ind. Alonzo Pinkney remains about the same. Edward Robinson who has been suffering from a badly burnt hand, was obliged to have his finger amputated. Mrs. Wm. Hall is convalescing. The entertainment given at the Commerce street church Thursday night was a financial as well as social success. Something out of the ordi nary in the way of entertainments will occur at the Messiah Baptist church, on the evening of March 30, when the trial scene from the "Merchaut of Venice" will be given. This promises to be one of the events of the season Two hundred tickets are out and a crowded house will be the result. The personal is as follows:—Antonio, Thomas Battles; Shylock. F. I. Ballard; Basonio, C. J. Thomas; Garciano, Leroy Jones; Duke, Lansing Battles; Salerio, Albert Pinkney; Verissa, Adeline Carter; Portia, Lida Pate.

News Items.

Macon, Mo., Special.

Frank Pleasant and Miss Maud Mae Ruby are on the sick list. Rev. J. Frank McDonald is the guest of home folks. Mr. Henry Whyte is convalescing. The Second Baptist church is still holding their meeting and having good success. They baptized Sunday and their pastor Rev. Mark Thompson, baptized 46. Mrs. Rachel Enix had quite an accident, burning her eye very badly. The missionary society meets as usual the first Sunday in every month at the A. M. E. Sunday-school and quite an interesting programme will be rendered. Prof. J. O. McNutt was on the sick list a few days this week. Miss Saralee Oliver of Moberly, Mo., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Margret Oliver. Quite a number attended the baptizing Sunday. Miss Chappie Allen of this city and Mr. Craig Griffin of St. Louis Mo., were married, Monday evening in St. Louis, Mo. Miss Otelia Smith is on the sick list. Mrs Mary Smith is convalescing. The A. M. E. church is doing nicely under their pastor, Rev. C. R. Runyon. Mrs. Runyon is able to be out again, Aunt Peggie Jones is on the sick liss. Misses Ida Doretta Jones, Maude Mae Ruby, Madge Benson Pleasant and Mrs. Alle De Romayne Colbert send regards to Messrs. Joe Pleasant and James Morton with the Georgia Up-to-Date. Remember Frank C. Pleasant is sole agent for The Freeman.

News Notes.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Chickamagua Camp is deserted. The rank and file of the boys are gone but there are still some few remaining who remind us of the past. It is said that some of the boys are now singing, "Give Me Back My Heart," while some of the lasses are whining, "Take Back Your Gold." Such is life. Just about a thonsand lies have been published by the daily papers all over the the country about the trouble of the mustered colored soldiers. Ex-Sergeant. D. W. Crawford is home again. He was elected as teacher in Warren Chapel Sunday-school last Sunday. Rev. Searcy of Memphis spent several days in the city recently and preached and lectured at the First Baptist church. Mr. A. D. Adams died last Tuesday at his home on Baldwin st. His funeral was attended at the First Baptist church, Rev. G. W. Parks and rev. J. A. Jones officiating. Rev. Jesse Jenkins, or Bellbuckle has been spending several days with his family and friends. The revival meeting at the Presbyterian church has closed. The excitement created by the "Do Right" preachers has subsided considerable. They baptized several to their faith last Sunday. Rev. J. L. Cook, of Athens the talented scholar and educator spent last Sabbath with Rev. C. H. Trusty and preached two excellent sermons to large congregationsat the Presbyterian church. Over $100 was raised at the "brick ingathering" by the congregation. Large congregations assembled at Warren Chapel A. M. E. church last Sabbath, both morning and night to listen to the special sermons by the pastor. Rev. Dr. J. A. Jones. The choir rendered excellent music and $40 was collected during the day. Preparations of Easter are being made by the different churches.

NEWS IN OLDEN DAYS.

CUSTOMS IN VOGUE BEFORE THE ERA OF NEWSPAPERS.

The Latter Trace Their Origin to Rome Long Before the Christian Era—The Paper That Was Published by Queen Elizabeth.

The germ of newspapers is found in ancient Rome. The government some two centuries previous to the Christian era is known to have promulgated its edicts by means of written papers affixed to pillars. Nor was there much difference between the style of these acta diurnia, as they were termed, and that which now prevails further than that the former were more brief and simple and deficient in introductory phrases and the editorial "we." They generally gave the news or occurrence in simply indicative sentences without introduction or comment of any kind.

Most of these acta which have been preserved are found to mention but one or two events. They are headed with the date in Roman fashion and the name of the then consul and paragraphs such as the following formed the staple: "It thundered, and an oak was struck with lightning on that part of Mount Palatine called Summa Vevia, early in the afternoon." "Murena, the consul, sacrificed early in the morning in the Temple of Castor and Pollux, and afterward assembled the senate in Pompey's senate house." "C. Cæsar set out for his government in farther Spain, having long been detained by his creditors."

It is hardly possible for us now, with all the lights of science around and the shoals of newspapers with which we are supplied, to form a proper notion of the darkness which, for want of these, involved the masses of the people for many centuries after the fall of the Roman empire. We are told that the crusaders were so ignorant of geography that at every town they approached in central Europe they inquired if it was Jerusalem. When they at length reached their destination, their exploits would have remained unknown for years to their relatives and friends at home had not at times some few straggling pilgrims found their way back to the west. Even bad news in those days could not, contrary to the proverb, travel fast. Every little community must then have lived much within itself.

It was not until the sixteenth century that anything at all approaching even to the scanty Roman acta diurnia can be found to have revived in the modern world. The war which the Venetian republic waged against the Turks gave rise in 1563 to the custom of communicating the military and commercial information in Venice by written sheets, notizic scritee, to be read in a particular place to those desirous of hearing the news, who paid for this privilege with a coin no longer in use, called gazzetta, a name which came in time to be applied to the news sheet itself both in Italy and France and subsequently in England, when this mode of imparting news came into use.

The Venetian government eventually gave these announcements in a regular manner once a month, but they were too jealous to allow them to be printed. Only a few written copies were transmitted to such as subscribed and paid for them. Thirty volumes of these valuable manuscript newspapers exist in the Maglia Bechian library at Florence. About the same time advertising wants commenced, the father of Montaigne, the celebrated essayist, being credited with the suggestion for making the wants of individuals known to the public in France. These were received at offices established for the purpose and were first posted on the walls of public places, receiving the names of affiches. In time this led to a systematic and periodic publication in sheets. These were termed affiches in consequence of their contents being originally fixed up as placards, though the word itself is French for advertisement.

It is to England as represented by Queen Elizabeth that the honor of commencing printed sheets of public intelligence is to be ascribed. When the Spanish armada threatened an invasion of this country, that sage queen, remarking the disadvantage of the vague and alarming rumors which circulated everywhere, resolved to inform her people truly of the impending dangers. She began to publish from time to time a sheet bearing the following title "The English Mercuire, published by authoritie, for the contradiction of false reports." Of this publication three copies are preserved in the British museum, the earliest, No. 50, bearing date July 23, 1588. The first article, dated from Whitehall, contains advices from Sir Francis Walsingham that the armada was seen in the channel, making for the entrance, with a favorable gale. An account is then given of her majesty's fleet, which consisted of 80 sail, divided into four squadrons, commanded by the lord high admiral, in the Ark Royal, Sir Francis Drake and Admirals Hawkins and Frobisher. Under the head, "London," there is an account of an interview which the mayor and corporation had on the previous day with her majesty, for the purpose of assuring her of the resolution to stand by her with their lives and fortunes to the last. Under the same head appears the following paragraph: "Yesterday the Scotch ambassador had a private audience of her majestie, and delivered a letter containing the most cordial assurances of adhering to her majestie's interests, and to those of the Protestant religion, and the younge king, James VIth, said to her majestie's minister at his court that all the favour he expected of the Spaniards was the courtesie of Polyphemus to Ulysses, that he should be devoured to the last." We wonder what would be thought of embassadors in these days if they interlarded their oral communications with such classical references!

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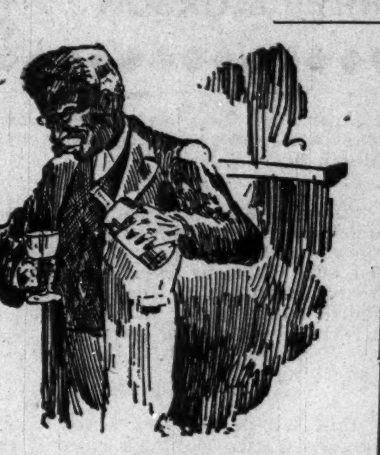

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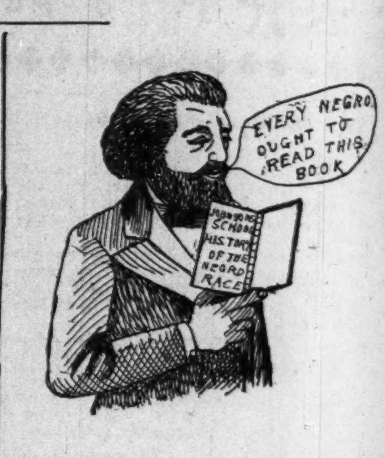

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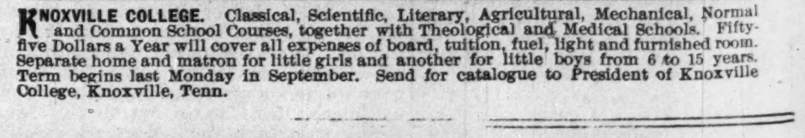

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"Promptly at 10 o'clock the door opened and the favorite professor entered the amphitheater. He carefully closed the door behind him, then with a self conscious clearing of his throat turned toward the class. At the first glance his jaw fell, while every one of the 350 fiends in the seats above began to yell at the top of his lungs. Spread out upon the three long operating tables were about 150 baby's toys and furnishings of every kind and description. There were rattles by the dozen, Noah's arks, dolls of all sizes, a toy cooking stove, a baby carriage, an embroidered flannel petticoat, a nursing bottle lying in a graduated glass, a pair of little blue kid shoes and other things too numerous to mention. After the first shock of surprise and embarrassment, the professor was game. He thanked us, in a speech peppered with five syllabled words, for our thoughtfulness in thus providing for the future needs of his offspring, but he observed, after a careful examination of the various instruments of infantile delight spread out before him, that we had forgotten one thing, a bottle of paregoric. Then he yawned in a way suggestive of midnight vigils and turned his attention to 'The Relation of the Sympathetic Nervous System to the Nerve Centers of the Brain.'

"But he was not allowed to proceed beyond the first sentence or two. His attention was drawn to the blackboard, where some student of artistic tendencies had drawn an elaborately decorated design in red, white and blue chalk, 'Is Marriage a Failure?' The poor professor, seeing that there was no possibility of a serious lecture that morning, entertained us for about ten minutes on the text posted on the blackboard; then, after inviting us all to visit the newcomer in the immediate future, he marched off to the music of 350 voices singing, 'Go to Sleep, My Little Pickaninny' and 'Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me a Bowwow.' "—New York Sun.

A SCENE OF BUTCHERY.

The Slaughter That Came With the End of the Janizaries.

On the 15th day of June, 1826, the whole corps of the janizaries in the capital assembled, overturned their camp kettles (the signal of revolt) and advanced upon the seraglio. With his own hand the sultan unfurled the sacred "sanjak sherif" and called upon the true believers to rally round their dischah and caliph, and the zealous Mussulman citizens rushed from all quarters and rallied under the sacred symbol. The ranks of the janizaries were raked with grape and solid shot by "Black Hell" (a nickname for Ibrahim, general of artillery) and his gunners as they pressed through the streets, compelling them to fall back to the Etmeidan, where they defended themselves with extraordinary fierceness, slaying great numbers of their assailants. The artillery, supported by the marines and the bostangi, pressed forward and compelled them to retreat to their barracks, where they offered desperate resistance to the assault.

From every street cannon thundered on the walls without intermission, the building was soon in flames, the walls torn and battered down by grapeshot, and the janizaries, overwhelmed by ruins, shot and flames, perished in their burning and blood stained barracks. For two days the gates of the city remained closed, and with relentless vigor every corner was searched for such janizaries as had escaped the general massacre, and when found they were hastily executed. Nearly 20,000 janizaries were destroyed on this memorable day, and many thousands were afterward put to death in the various cities of the empire, and thus not one of the number under arms was left to tell the tale.—Self Culture.

Accounted For the Fit.

Hon. George R. Peck so keenly appreciates a good joke that he tells the following on himself:

"When, after a foreign trip, I was being welcomed by some of my friends in Topeka, I wore a suit of clothes made by a London tailor that was uncomfortably tight in places. I expressed my surprise that a loose fit in London should prove a tight fit in Topeka, whereupon an Irishman of the party exclaimed:

" 'Mr. Peck, don't forget you're a bigger man in Topayka than you were in London.' "—Chicago Journal.

Untimely Nap.

"What time did the hotel catch fire?"

"Midnight."

"Everybody get out safely?"

"All except the night watchman. We couldn't wake him up in time."—Boston Traveler.

The Danger of It.

The man with too many irons in the fire is sure to take one by the hot end. —Dallas News.

HE HAD A BAD HABIT.

And It Made Him a Poor Insurance Risk In Kentucky.

The manager of a life insurance company had the floor.

"Life insurance companies," he was saying, "are as particular about the people they already have on their lists as they are about getting them on in the beginning. They are rich, of course, but they are no more anxious to take in a man who will die of disease within the first year or two than they are to take in a perfectly healthy man and have him hazard his life by taking personal risks in dangerous pursuits or by travel in unhealthy countries.

"I remember a funny instance that occurred once while I was living in New England. One of our $10,000 men had a way of calling a man a liar in the most careless and indiscriminate manner and with only the merest or no provocation. One day he was in our office and casually mentioned the fact that he was going to make a trip to Kentucky.

" 'When?' inquired the manager alertly.

" 'Next week.'

" 'On business or pleasure?'

" 'Going to buy a pair of horses.'

" 'Um—er—er!' hesitated the manager. 'Before you start I wish you would stop in and see me.'

" 'What for? Want me to buy a horse for you?'

" 'No: I want to arrange about your policy.'

" 'What do you want to arrange about it? Isn't it all right?'

" 'Yes, as long as you stay in this country. But if you go down to Kentucky we'll have to advance the rate until you come back.'

" 'Well, what in ——,' began the policy holder hotly, when the manager interrupted him.

" 'Don't fly the track, my dear fellow,' he said gently. 'It's all right here and the rate is satisfactory to us; but, by Jove, we can't give you the same rate and let you go to Kentucky and call men liars like you do in this section. Not much! We haven't got $10,000 policies to give away like that, and you oughtn't to expect it.' "—Washington Star.

AN HONEST ARTIST.

He Would Not Paint a Lie Even For a Napoleon.

There was no love lost between the Emperor Louis Napoleon and his cousin, Prince Napoleon, whom the Parisians called "Plon Plon." The prince used to make abusive speeches against the emperor, which people were only too ready to repeat to him. "Let him alone," Louis Napoleon would reply. "He is too well known. No one would turn me out to place him on the throne."

The emperor was correct, for no one said a good word about "Plon Plon." He was commonly believed to have shown the white feather in the Crimea and never exposed himself where the lead was falling. An English lady, who in her young days mingled with French society, tells in her "Foreign Courts and Foreign Homes" a story as discreditable to Prince Napoleon as it is honorable to a French artist.

While the artist was painting the historical picture of the battle of the Alma, which the emperor had ordered, Prince Napoleon called at the painter's studio to make known to him the facts. On leaving he said he wished the prominent figure in the battle to be himself mounted on his white charger. He sent the horse to the artist so that he could paint its exact portrait. When the picture was finished and invitations were sent out for a "private view," the white charger was seen, a prominent figure in the battle, but without a rider.

On hearing of this terrible omission the prince sent an aid-de-camp to ask the reason. The honest artist said the horse should remain if the prince wished, but no rider would be on it. "Tell the prince I have never yet painted a lie." The hint was taken. The prince ordered the horse to be rubbed out.

The Business of a Theater.

A prosperous theater in the city of New York may in a favorable season do a business of more than $250,000 and keep in employment 150 persons. There are 37 theaters, including the variety houses, in active operation in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, while the borough of Brooklyn adds a score or more. Everything which affects business in general affects the theater immediately.

A man will reduce his expenditures for tickets to places of amusement long before he thinks of cutting down his supply of cigars, for the cigar belongs to that class of luxuries which subtly become necessaries, while the theater habit, as any observant manager will tell you, requires constant cultivation. The management of a theater is therefore an occupation requiring business sagacity in a greater degree than it calls for artistic taste.—W. J. Henderson in Scribner's.

Proud of Her Work.

He looked with forced admiration at the slippers—forced because he already had half a dozen pairs.

"You don't mean to tell me that they are all your own work? What a talented little wife I'm going to have!"

And she smiled, though the plain truth was that she had bought the uppers, paid a man to sole them and then managed to sew the bows on crooked after her mother had made them. Yet she was very proud and really wondered how she had managed to accomplish so much.—Detroit Journal.

Sausage Links.

"Yes," said the yellow dog, "I believe after death we enter into another sphere of action. I think I'll be a golf player."

"How do you figure that out?" queried the black and tan.

"Oh, I'll be in the links."—Philadelphia North American.

The Managed Husband Is Worthless.

Helen Watterson Moody believes that the husband who can be managed is not worth managing, "and there is no better principle," she adds, in The Ladies' Home Journal, "for both husband and wife to adopt in adjusting themselves to the new relation than that of trying to do each by the other what men are accustomed to call 'the square thing.' Many a woman understands 'managing' a husband better than she does doing the square thing by him, and many a man understands and practices doing the square thing by other men who would be affronted if he were to be told that, judged by his own business standards, he habitually dealt unfairly with his own wife."

Mrs. Watkins' Club Inheritance.

"I don't see," said Mr. Mulberry, "why you women have that Mrs. Watkins in your literary club. The rest of you are bright enough, but she's as dull as dull can be."

"It's this way," answered Mrs. Mulberry. "Mrs. Watkins' great-grandmother's half sister's second cousin by marriage could trace her descent from Chaucer. So, you see, after all, with such literary claims, we couldn't very well leave Mrs. Watkins out."—Harper's Bazar.

A Candid Suitor.

"What do you think? Papa asked Jack if he expected to get any money in marrying me."

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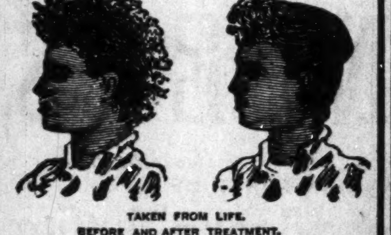

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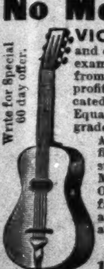

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Dr. B. J. Morgan wishes to state that he is in no way connected with the affair that is to take place at Tomlinson Hall on the evening of April, 4th.

Mrs. Katie Bazel who has been very ill for the past two weeks is improving. Mrs. Johnson is acting as organist at Bethel during Mrs. Bazel's illness.

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"Because I Love You," Mrs. S. L. Robinson, at Tomlinson Hall, night of April 4th.

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Rev. E. L. Gilliam read a paper bebefore the Methodist preachers meeting at the Meridian street church last Monday.

Mrs. Chas Lanier and F. Fowler Brown in a 'Grand Opera at the the Easter promenade Concert. Night of April 4th, at Tomlinson Hall.

A committee of young ladies of Simpson Chapel, headed by Miss Edna Gordon, presented Rev. Chas. Jones with a purse of money.

There will be representatives from Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, and Louisville at the Grand Easter promenade Concert at Tomlinson Hall. Night of April 4th.

The 8th Illinois regiment in charge of Col. Marshall passed through this city Saturday enroute to Chicago. The 8th have been stationed at San Louis, Cuba.

Muncie, Anderson, Richmond, Greenfield, Logansport and Terre Haute will be represented in the Grand March, on April 4th.

The Young People's Alliance of Betnel A. M. E. church gave a "Kaliko Karnival," at that church last Monday which was a decided success, A comical drama entitled "The latest sensation in Podunk," was very creditably given. Mrs. Roxie Bell is president of the Ailiance.

Panden Bros. famous orchestra of 16 pieces will render nothing but the latest music at the Easter Promenade Concert at Tomlinson Hall, night of April 4th.

The Household's of Ruth, No. 34 and 672 organized a Juvenile society on the 18th, with 105 members. President, Bessie Ausbery; vice president, Mary Baxter; secretary, Annie Griffin; treasurer, Alex Stout; sick visitor, Nellie Jasper, with the following supervisors: Nina Lewis, Ella Walden, Amanda Brown, Catherine Baxter, Millie Johnson, Eliza Wisdom and Amanda Wells.

Knights of Pythias.

The annual sermon of the Knights of Pythias will be delivered to-morrow afternoon at the Second Baptist church, Rev. J. J Blackshear officiating. A fine musical program will be rendered in addition to the devotional exercises. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

B. O. of C. P. Sermon.

The B. O. C. P. meaning the Benevolent Order of Colored Professionals more familiarly known as Buffaloes, attended Bethel A. M. E. Church last Sunday to listen to its first annual sermon by Rev. D. A. Graham. The order was seen at quite an advantage as it marched through the streets headed by the new B. O. of C. P. Band. About one hundred members filed in the church and occupied the pews that were reserved for them. After music by the choir, Dr. Joseph Ward addressed the audience as to the charitable and benevolent ends of the organization. He gave a brief history of the McClain Lodge, as the order is further designated, and outlined its prospective course for the future. He said that the name and much of its inside work was after the order of Buffaloes in England to which the Elks in this country are analagous. Rev. Graham chose very appropriately for his subject that passage of scripture that speaks of talents. He showed the necessity for enlarging the talents or increasing them or to make the very best of those in possession. He would have a man be truly what he professed to be. To dub an individual, Professor, Dr. or anything else without the necessary requirements, he considered hurtful; having a tendency to cheapen the genuine by the generous recognition of the spurious. Major Gardner made remarks in keeping with the ocasion. The service was well patronized in uumbers au in interest.

News Items.

Ironton, O. Special

The wedding bells have been ringing recently. The contracting parties were Mr. Shouse and Mrs. Selina Turner. Rev. Carter officiated. We predict for them a happy future. We were greived much to learn of the des of George Page, a former resident of this city. The Negro Volunteers, of Illinois, who have been in Cuba since September, passed through Russell, Ky., on the 17 en route home. The soldiers have been doing some noble work on the battle field and we should appreciate it by some demonstration. The Baptist church is preparing for a rally on the second Sunday in April. Don't be at all surprised when you see the "jugs" for contribution. The churches seem to be in a very prosperous condition under leadership of efficient and energetic pastors. There will be only one colored graduate this year, in the person of Mr. Wilbur Warnock. Mr. Warnock is a diligent student and we trust that he may finish with credit to himself and to the school. It is a fact to be deplored that our churches seem to some as a circus or a museum. We trust that those who participate in such sport and laughter may cultivate better habbits. If they do not do this, let us not go to the law. Remember that while you go to the court you avenge one wrong yet the whole is quite a reflection upon the Negro church and race in general. Our town is being visited with frequent fires. We think none of these are accidental. The Ladies Aid Society of the A. M. E. Church gave a concert and festival on the 23rd inst. which was quite a success. The A. M. E. church should feel proud of this organization.

News Notes.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

About 5 weeks ago we submerged from the coldest weather known in the history of West Tenn. So intense was the suffering that some did not survive it, they are today lying beneath the sod awaiting the judgement day. Such would have been the fate of some who live in Dyersburg had it not been for the hospitality of our white friends. To those who were known to have been persons who tried to support their families, the doors of their groceries, and coal bins were opened, and to some were given clothing. This is the "Land of Dixie" and I am proud to say that the whites are never wanting in charity to those who deserve it. Rev. Owens began his duties as pastor at the Second Baptist church the 10, His delay was due to the cold weather. Quite a religious demonstration presented itself on the part of all who were present. The Odd Fellows of this place bought a lot paying $252.00 for the same. They expect to erect a hall in the near future. Bro. S. Carter walks quite proud. A fine boy has been given to the family. Dr. A. A. Greener and wife are the recipients of a bouncing girl. Miss Dilay Cornell has been sick for three months but is better now and had several callers last week, including Mrs. Lear Jordan, Mrs. Jettive Cornell and Miss Benana Deane. Albert Merchant is on the sick list yet and also Harry Horton and Mrs. Sarah Rogers. Rev. C. G. Hardison of Paducah, Ky., preached an able sermon at the C. P. church on the 19. Rev. J. R. Rooks of the A. M. E. church filled the pulpit for Rev. Partee of the C. M. E. church. Rev. Henderson pastor of the C. P. church Union City, Tenn., lectured for the C. P. Sunday school Sunday the 10th. The Baptist rally was a grand success, $107.17 was raised. Rev. Owens their newly elected pastor filled the pulpit. George W. Fields is the engineer at the wholesale grocery for Mr. Clyce.

News Letter.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

Rev. Hueston of Ohio, gave a stereoptican lecture at the Z. M. E. church, One of the largest audiences ever seen on such an occasion was assembled at Elm street Baptist church to witness the marriage of Miss Mollie D. Brooks and Lloyd McClure, March 16. To the beautiful strains of Mendelssohn's wedding March, played by Miss N. M. Browne the bridal party entered the church, the attendants were little Misses Willie Ellis and Lockie Woodson, and Masters Claud Winfrey and Powell Tapp. The bride was becomingly attired in blue Henrietta with white satin trimmings, the bridegroom wore the conventional black. The bride is admired by a large circle of friends and is quite popular in church circles. Mr. and Mrs. McClure left Friday morning for Corydon, Ky., where they will reside, The Freeman wishes them much happiness. Mrs. R. H. C. Mitchell has returned from Lancaster. Mrs. James Bradshaw of Owensboro, visited relatives here last week. Mrs. Bradshaw, was formerly Miss Nannye Lewis of this city. An "Informal" was given March the 13, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Cason on Elm street in honor of Miss Clara Linden of Springfield, O. Miss Linden left Tuesday morning for Owensboro. Rev. R. H. C. Mitchell was in Frankfort last week. Mrs. Bettie Berry has recovered from her recent illness. The Georgia Minstrels were in the city March 13th, the Gleaner of this city has the following to say of them. "Richard & Pringle's Minstrels gave a very creditable performance last week at the opera house. The crowd of white people was not very large, but the colored population was out in force and effect. Billy Kersands and Harry Fiddler seemed to have been in excellent shape and made things lively with their wit and songs. The entire aggregation was composed of colored people." Miss Lucy Carey has returned from Chicago. She has been quite sick since returning home. Deaths—Mrs. Sarah Hester, Willie Posey, Little Goldie Nelson and Mrs. Rolland.

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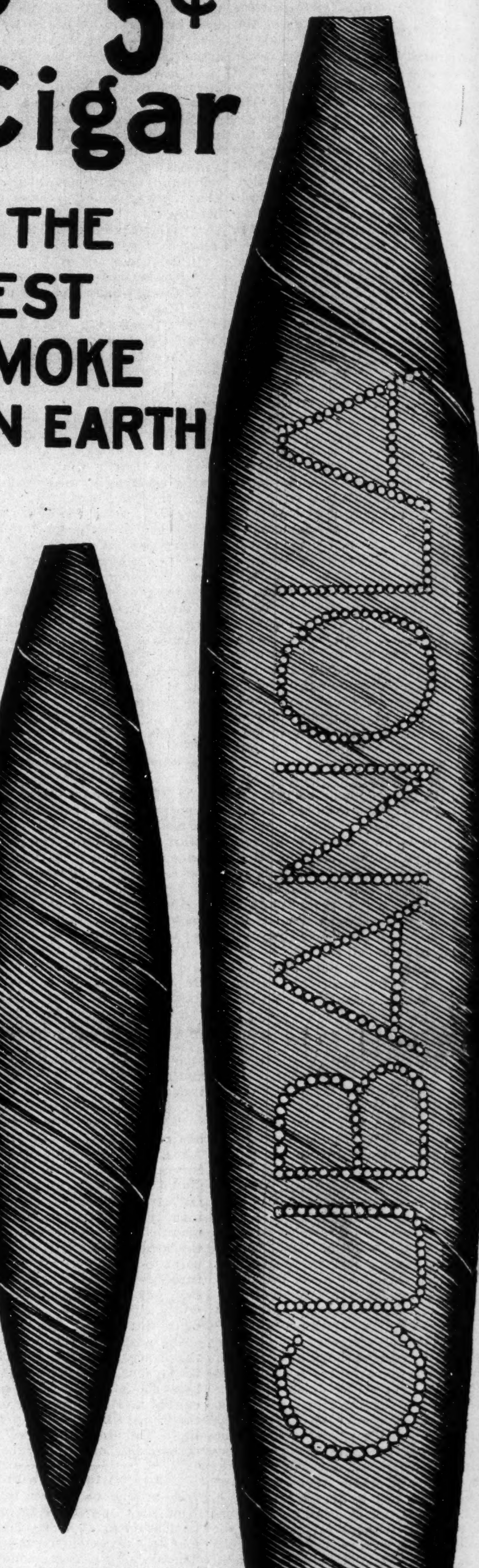

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